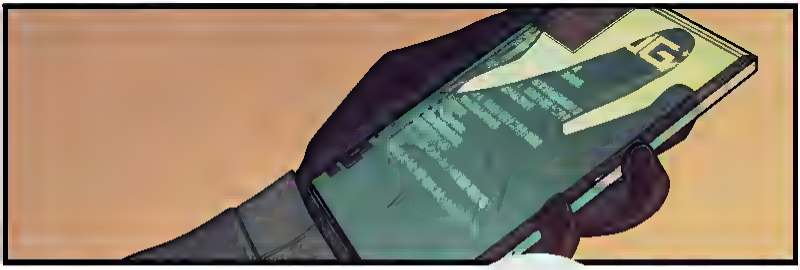
ALL THAT
you
ARE

I'M SURE
IT'S DIFFICULT FOR
YOU TO BELIEVE,
BUT THERE WERE ONCE
BILLIONS OF PEOPLE
ON EARTH.

AND MOST OF THEM HAD ONE OF THESE IN THEIR HANDS.



FORGET PICTURES, VIDEO, COMMUNICATION--

THEY HAD ACCESS TO A GLOBAL NETWORK.

SUCH OPPORTUNITY AT THE FINGERTIPS OF SO MANY, AND YET--

BY ALL ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTS,
THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEM WERE POWERLESS.
THEY MUST HAVE BEEN A PATHETIC LOT. TOO AFRAID TO TAKE THE RISKS NECESSARY TO MAKE SOMETHING OF THEMSELVES.
THE THINGS I WOULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WITH ACCESS TO SUCH RESOURCES--
SO, IS THIS HOW EVERY MEETING GOES?

HE JUST FACES THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION AND SPOUTS NAIVE THEORIES?

NAIVE...

...YOU THINK I'M BEING NAIVE, GIRL?

MR. MALAN, SHE ONLY MEANT--

SHE ONLY

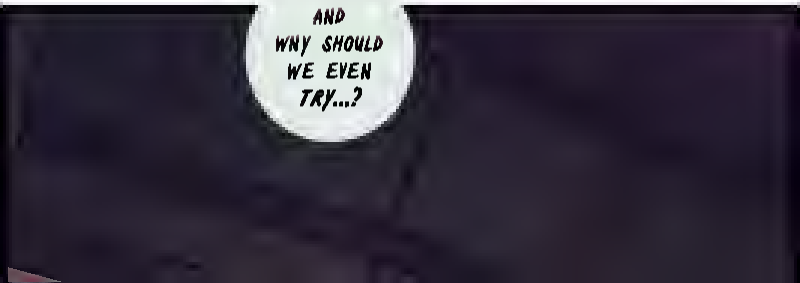
MEANT WHAT SHE SAID.

AND SHE ONLY SAID WHAT CAME INTO HER UNEDUCATED MIND.

YET, MAYBE THE GIRL ACCIDENTALLY STUMBLED ONTO SOMETHING.

MAYBE, WE CAN'T EVER FULLY UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS OF THE PAST.

AND WHY SHOULD WE EVEN TRY...?

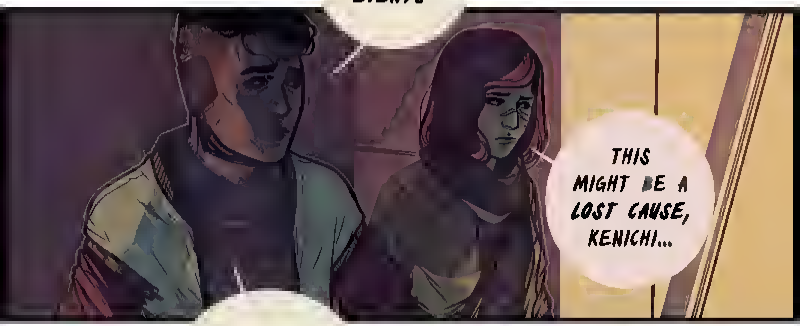


WHEN THE FUTURE IS SO BRIGHT.

WE MAY BE DECADES AWAY FROM A GLOBAL NETWORK, BUT I HAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT SOON, EVERY CITIZEN WILL COVET AN AGA PHONE.
A COUPLE MONTHS MORE AND WE'LL HAVE THE NECESSARY STOCK TO SECURE THE AGA AS THE LEADER OF A NEW MARKET.
A COUPLE OF MONTHS?!

THE SPEECH ON THE BRIDGE WAS ONLY MEANT TO BUY US WEEKS.

AND WITH LAST NIGHTS EVENTS--



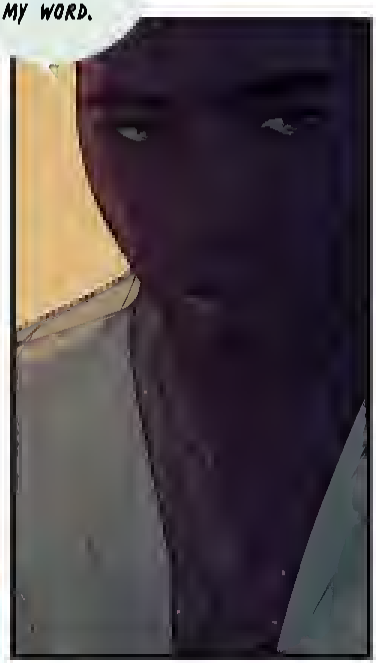
YOU DON'T SERIOUSLY THINK WE CAN STAY FOR TWO MONTHS?!

WATCH YOUR TONE WITH ME, RWON.

I SAID I WOULD BECOME THE LEADING POWER IN TOKYO, AND THAT IS WHAT I INTEND

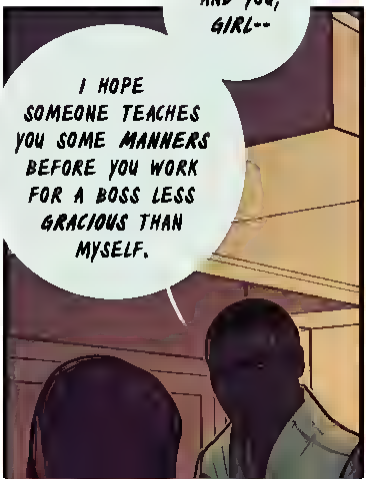
TO DO.

YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW I FOLLOW THROUGH ON MY WORD.



AND YOU, GIRL--

I HOPE SOMEONE TEACHES YOU SOME MANNERS BEFORE YOU WORK FOR A BOSS LESS GRACIOUS THAN MYSELF.



AS FOR LAST NIGHTS EVENTS, THEY DID MAKE ONE THING CLEAR...

NOW, I HAVE A MEETING TO GET TO--

MR. MALAN...

DING

OBSERVATORY LEVEL-7

NO.
I THINK NOT.

NOW, WE BOTH HAVE IMPORTANT PLACES TO BE, UNDERSTOOD?
SIGH YES SIR, UNDERST--
YOUR MEETING, IT'S DOWN A COUPLE FLOORS, YEAH?
YOUR POINT?!
WELL, LIKE YOU SAID, WE'VE ALL GOT IMPORTANT PLACES TO BE AND...
THERE'S

ONLY ONE ELEVATOR.

NOW, FAR BE IT FROM UNEDUCATED ME TO UNDERSTAND SOCIAL NICETIES BUT--

WOULDN'T IT BE BAD MANNERS TO MAKE US WAIT?

YOU GOT YOUR THIRTY SECONDS, KWON. NOW TALK.

MR.MALAN, I KNOW WE HAVEN'T ALWAYS SEEN EYE TO EYE, BUT YOU MUST ADMIT MY ADVICE HAS BEEN GOOD.

EVERYTHING I'VE WARNED WOULD COME TO PASS, HAS.

PLEASE BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT CORE IV IS ON THE EDGE.

PEOPLE ARE GIVING UP ON THE BOUNTY, THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW TARGET.

LAST NIGHT IT WAS JUST TWO GIRLS, BUT TOMORROW IT COULD BE HUNDREDS SCALING TOWER CITY'S WALLS!
WE CAN'T PROTECT YOU FROM THAT.
YOU HAVE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE AGA IS LEAVING IN TWO WEERS.
WITH A DEFINITIVE DATE, PEOPLE WILL DECIDE FORCING YOU OUT ISN'T WORTH IT.
TWO WEEKS ISN'T ENOUGH TIME.

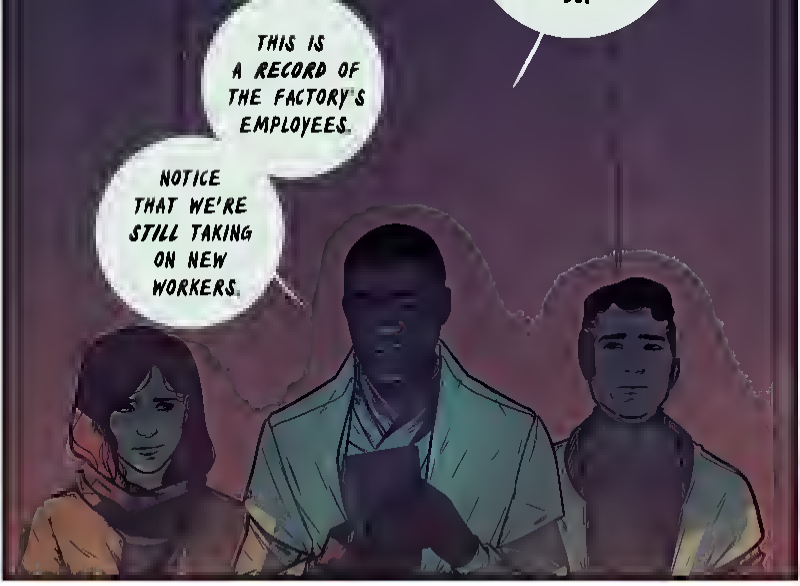
WE'VE ONLY BUILT HALF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS.

WITHOUT THEM, THE PHONES ARE JUST CHUNKS OF METAL AND PLASTIC.

I RESPECT YOUR DEDICATION, KWON. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN UNWAVERING IN YOUR CONVICTIONS. IT'S ADMIRABLE.

BUT ONCE AGAIN YOU'VE MISDIRECTED YOUR EFFORTS.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY LIKE YOU THINK YOU DO

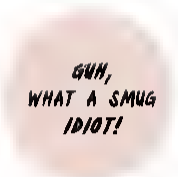

THIS IS A RECORD OF THE FACTORY'S EMPLOYEES.
NOTICE THAT WE'RE STILL TAKING ON NEW WORKERS.

PEOPLE MAY HAVE DROPPED THE IDEA OF THE BOUNTY--
BUT THEY'RE FAR FROM PICKING UP THEIR PITCHFORKS.

DING

-LEVEL 2
ING CONTROL
WE'LL SPEAK AGAIN AFTER YOU'VE HAD TIME TO RETHINK THINGS.
AND, KWON... NEXT TIME WE MEET--

DON'T BRING THE GIRL.


GUH,
WHAT A SMUG
IDIOT!

SO HE RISKED COMING TO AN UNCONTROLLED CITY TO EXPLOIT ITS CITIZENS AS CHEAP LABOR.
THAT DOESN'T MAKE HIM SOME BRILLIANT THINKER, JUST EVEN MORE GREEDY THAN HIS HORRIBLE FRIENDS.
HE HAS A POINT ABOUT THE NEW WORKERS...

WHAT?
MISSING A FEW NEW HIRES DOESN'T MEAN WE'VE MISREAD THE MOOD OF THE CITY.
A FEW NEW HIRES I'D UNDERSTAND, BUT ACCORDING TO THIS, THE FACTORY HAS TAKEN ON OVER FIFTY NEW PEOPLE IN THE PAST TWO DAYS.
OKAY, THAT IS BIT WEIRD--
MORE THAN A BIT.

THINK ABOUT IT, ONLY THE MOST STUBBORN PEOPLE ARE STILL LIVING IN THE OUTSKIRTS.
WHY WOULD A CITY ON THE BRINK OF REBELLION SUDDENLY START GIVING UP ITS MOST LOYAL PEOPLE?
SO ENOCH ACCIDENTALLY STUMBLED ONTO SOMETHING.
THAT STILL DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE WRONG ABOUT THE UNREST.
WE NEED TO TALK TO ONE OF THESE NEW EMPLOYEES.
FINDING ONE IS GOING TO BE TOUGH. THE BRANDS DON'T

EXACTLY TRACK MUCH.

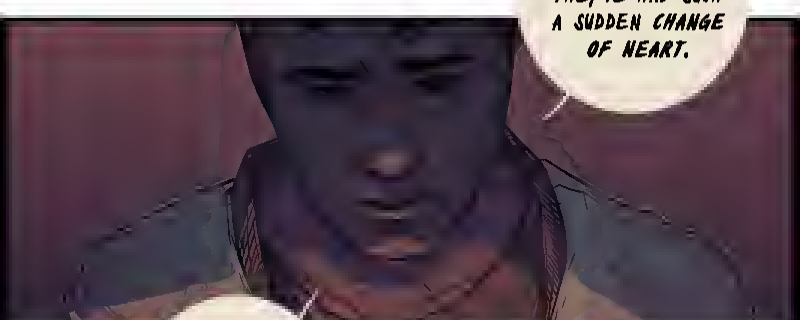
SO THERE'S NO SYSTEM TO IDENTIFY NEW HIRES?

NOT THAT I KNOW OF.

THOSE ARE JUST A FASHION STATEMENT THEN?

THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON...

TALK TO THEM, LEARN WHY THEY'VE HAD SUCH A SUDDEN CHANGE OF HEART.



I HAVE TO GET TO MY ROUNDS AS THE OGRE.

RADIO
TNE MINUTE
YOU LEARN
ANYTNING.

YOU'RE
SURE TNEY
WEREN'T JUST
BURIED?

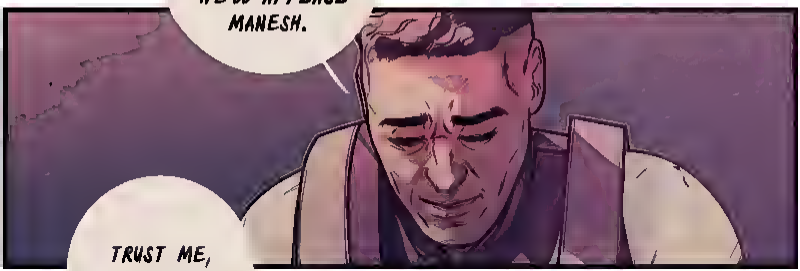
I'VE GOT PEOPLE SEARCHING THE RUBBLE BUT I DOUBT IT.

THE BUILDING COLLAPSED INTO SOME UNDERGROUND SYSTEM. LOOKS THEY PROBABLY ESCAPED THROUGH THERE.

THEN THEY'RE STILL IN THE CITY.

TOLERATE ANOTHER CORPORATION MOVING IN.

RELAX, MR. MALAN, IT WON'T COME TO ALL THAT. WE'LL APPEASE MANESH.



TRUST ME, I'LL FIND THE GIRL.

I THINK YOU MEAN I WILL.

SAME THING, KID. REMEMBER, I OWN YOU.

I DON'T CARE WHO DOES IT, JUST BE QUICK!
DEAD OR ALIVE, BRING ME IKUSHIMA.